

REMARKS

By this Amendment, claims 1-10 are pending.

The invention is directed to a patient support having a base with a pair of front and rear wheels 3. A pair of larger wheels 50 extend outwardly from the transporter. In an initial position shown in Figures 11 and 13, the large wheels are held above the ground and when moved downwardly, as seen in Figures 12 and 14, contact the ground lifting the rear pair of wheels off the ground but having a top still accessible by a person in the transporter, particularly when in the illustrated chair position. In this configuration, the transporter resembles a conventional wheel chair.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-2 and 4-7 as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,886,288 (Dysarz). Claims 3 and 8 were rejected over Dysarz in view of U.S. Patent 4,974,905 (Davis). Reconsideration of this rejection, in view of the amendments to the claims, is respectfully requested.

The Examiner stated that Dysarz discloses a support surface 135 and a base 103, 104 with a first pair of wheels 130 movable between being above and below the base. By this Amendment, claim 1 states that the pair of wheels is movable relative to the support surface between the first position above the base bottom and a second position below the base bottom. This is in contrast to Dysarz, which has the axle 160 of the wheel 130 fixed to the cylinder 101 and therefore fixed in position relative to the support surface 136. Dysarz uses telescoping tubes 103, 104, to raise and lower the wheels 130.

Claim 5 has been amended to state that the base is parallel to the support surface and that a first and second pair of wheels are fixed to the base, the base supported by either the first or second pair of wheels. The base 103, 104, identified by the Examiner is not parallel to the support surface 136.

New claim 10 recites that the transport has frame with a first set of wheels and a second set of wheels attached to and movable relative to the frame. This relationship is not shown or suggested by the prior art.

The claims are allowable over the prior art and favorable action is eagerly and earnestly solicited. If any issues remain, and the Examiner believes a telephone conversation would resolve such issues, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney.

No fee is believed to be due and owing, but the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 08-2455 for any such fees.

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